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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) to (g) Attention is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

Post-War Education Scheme.

* 46 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the Post-War education scheme the principle of granting same emoluments to teachers whatever may be the agency under which they are employed, was accepted;

(b) if so, whether provision was also made for funds required for the purpose;

(c) whether the scheme to improve the emoluments of teachers had the approval of the Government of India;

(d) whether the Cabinet Committee in its report on the revision of salaries has abandoned the principle mentioned in (a) and if so, what necessitated the change;

(e) whether the Government have at any time considered the need to assure assistance to local bodies and aided managements to enable them to increase the salaries of teachers consistent with the principle enunciated in (a); and

(f) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to re-examine the whole question of salaries and allowances of teachers irrespective of the agency under which they are working?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (a) Yes.

" (b) No provision was made. The post-war pamphlet only contained details of cost involved if uniform scales of pay were to be introduced for teachers in all schools.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) Yes. Apart from the differences in conditions of service between the teachers and Government employees and others working under local bodies and private institutions, the conditions of provincial finance necessitated the charge.

" (e) The matter has been considered many times and the Government have from time to time considered the increase of grants to these institutions. While it is for the local boards to devise means for meeting the extra cost involved, the Government have come forward to give the maximum possible help to aided institutions also.

" (f) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Am I to understand, Sir, from the Hon. Minister for Education that the Government would fix the salaries, they would control the affairs of the local boards and still ask them to find funds for the increased emoluments sanctioned by the Government? You control the affairs of

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the local boards, you control them by a Statute, you prescribe by rules the limit beyond which they should not tax themselves and you increase the scale of salary, and also create a desire in the teachers to demand such increase; and yet you leave the local boards to find the funds for giving such increased salaries?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I am sorry, Sir, this is a small lecture, it is not a question at all. But I may point out to the hon. Member it is not that everything in the local boards is controlled. If the local boards express their wish to increase their income in certain respects, the Government will certainly sympathetically consider and try to help them in the matter."

Levy of "betterment" and "inclusion" fee.

* 47 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that "betterment" or "inclusion" fee is being levied in respect of lands included in the ayacuts under various irrigation systems;

(*b*) if so, whether the fee is being collected and what the amount collected so far has been and what remains to be collected;

(*c*) whether levy of "betterment" fee is in force or is to be enforced in regard to all irrigation schemes, old and new;

(*d*) whether the imposition of "betterment" fee has been represented to be a hardship especially in respect of lands where dry crops are grown;

(*e*) whether, in respect of wet lands "betterment" fee is not being levied under some irrigation systems though the return on capital expenditure is not adequate; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of irrigation schemes in the Province, the capital expenditure incurred on each, the amount of revenue, the rate at which the return works and the "betterment" fee, if any collected?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—"(*a*) The Government are not now levying betterment or inclusion fees.

"(*b*) The amount collected in Kistna and Godavari deltas up to July 1939 was Rs. 6,90,472–1–7. Information regarding the amount that was since collected or of the amount that remains to be collected is not readily available: the collection of inclusion fees has been suspended from time to time.

"(*c*) The levy of betterment fee is not now in force. The general question whether such a fee should be collected is being considered.

"(*d*) There were representations against the collection of inclusion fees.

"(*e*) Betterment fee is not being levied under any irrigation system.